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SUBJ: NAC MEETING APRIL 10: DATES FOR JUNE NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING

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1. NAC ON APRIL 10 RETURNED TO QUESTION OF JUNE MINISTERIAL. ALL MEMBER STATES AGREED TO OTTAWA AS SITE FOR MINISTERIAL. BELGIUM, ICELAND, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, PORTUGAL AND U.S. SAID THEY COULD AGREE TO JUNE 18-19 DATES. NETHERLANDS WOULD FIND ANY OTHER DATES DIFFICULT. GERMANY, GREECE AND LUXEMBOURG SAID THEY HAD NO GREAT PROBLEM WITH JUNE 18-19 AND EXPECTED THEY COULD AGREE, ALTHOUGH LUXEMBOURG NOTED POSSIBLE UNCERTAINTY IN FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT AFTER MAY 25 ELECTIONS.

2. KORSGAARD-PEDERSEN (DANISH CHARGE) SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT JUNE 18-19 DATES TODAY, SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT FOR STATE VISIT ON THOSE DATES. DANISH DELEGATION UNABLE CONTACT FOREIGN MINISTER FOLLOWING APRIL 9 PERMREPS LUNCH DISCUSSION, SINCE HE WAS ON WAY TO U.S. DENMARK WILL COMMUNICATE ITS POSITION RE JUNE 18-19 DATES AFTER EASTER.

3. DE ROSE (FRANCE) SAID JOBERT HAD FOUND JUNE 17-18 DATES SUITABLE, AND DE ROSE WOULD SUBMIT JUNE 18-19 DATES TO HIM HOWEVER DANISH REMARKS HAD INTRODUCED UNCERTAINTY RE THESE DATES.

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4. ERALP (TURKEY) SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD SOME DIFFICULTY WITH JUNE 18-19, SINCE IT HAD SUGGESTED DATES OF JUNE 15-20 FOR OFFICIAL VISIT OF A FOREIGN HEAD OF STATE; HE ADDED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAS FIRM COMMITMENT JUNE 25-28 FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO A

FOREIGN COUNTRY.

5. LOGAN (UK) SAID HIS FOREIGN MINISTER COULD ACCEPT JUNE 17-18 OR JUNE 18-19. HE OBSERVED THAT THE UK HAD WANTED TO CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL, BUT NOW LOOKS FORWARD NOW TO DOING SO AT JUNE MINISTERIAL.

6. SYG LUNS SUGGESTED AND NAC AGREED TO SUBJECT JUNE 18-19 DATES TO AGREEMENT BY SILENT PROCEDURE, WITH ANY COUNTRY OBJECTING TO THE DATES TO INFORM HIM BY APRIL 22.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE CURRENT WASHINGTON THINKING ON CELEBRATION OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATO, I.E., WHETHER WASHINGTON ANTICIPATES A CEREMONIAL OCCASION, AND IF SO, CEREMONY SHOULD TAKE PLACE. MISSION SPECIFICALLY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHETHER WE MAY AGREE TO HAVE CEREMONIAL (IF WE ARE TO HAVE

ONE) AT OTTAWA, OR WHETHER WE SHOULD SEEK TO HAVE IT AT ANOTHER TIME AND PLACE, OR DEFER DECISION PENDING RESOLUTION OF QUESTION ON ATLANTIC DECLARATION. RUMSFELD

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